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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: CHARTER FLIGHTS

1. FLYING TIGER INFORMS DEPT THAT JCAB IS RESTRICTING ITS CATTLE CHARTER FLIGHTS WHICH MAKE TECHNICAL STOPS AT NAGOYA ON FLIGHTS TO SOUTHERN JAPAN OR KOREA. FTL WAS FIRST TOLD THAT, BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS, NAGOYA STOPS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ONLY IF THEY WERE TRAFFIC RATHER THAN TECHNICAL STOPS. THEN, TRAFFIC STOPS WERE RESTRICTED AND FTL WAS TOLD ITS SEPT 5 CHARTER TO NAGOYA WILL BE LAST ONE APPROVED. FTL REPORTS THAT IT WILL SUFFER SEVERE FINANCIAL PENALTY BECAUSE OF REDUCED PAYLOAD IF IT HAS TO GO NONSTOP TO SOUTHERN JAPAN OR KOREA.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INVESTIGATE FTL REPORT AND, IF INFORMATION IS CORRECT, IT SHOULD SEEK JAPAN'S CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE TECHNICAL AND TRAFFIC STOPS AT NAGOYA BY CHARTER FLIGHTS.
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BECAUSE OF FUEL PROBLEMS AT NARITA, ONE WOULD EXPECT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE USE OF POINTS SUCH AS HANEDA AND NAGOYA IN ORDER TO EASE PRESSURE AT NARITA. JAPAN AIR LINES IS OPERATING SAME CHARTER SERVICE (CARRYING CATTLE FROM MOSES LAKE WITH STOP AT NAGOYA) AND, THEREFORE, US AIRLINES SHOULD HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.

3. DEPT HAS ALSO RECEIVED REPORT FROM SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES

THAT GOJ PLANS TO SUSPEND ALL CHARTER OPERATIONS AT NARITA
BY END OF SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF FUEL PROBLEMS. PLEASE
INVESTIGATE AND REPORT FINDINGS. IF RUMOR IS TRUE, IT
WOULD SEEM JAPANESE WOULD THEN HAVE STRONG INCENTIVE TO
LET CHARTERS USE OTHER POINTS IN JAPAN (E.G., HANEDA AND
NAGOYA) FOR TRAFFIC AND/OR TECHNICAL STOPS. CHRISTOPHER

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